

CLAIMS

1. A method of supplying a receiver with tuning
5 information for provided services, comprising the following steps:
 - compiling a database comprising the following information items:
 - a plurality of service identifiers identifying
10 said provided services; and
 - a plurality of sets of tuning parameters, each of which sets is associated with a respective one of said plurality of service identifiers;
 - retrieving a set of tuning parameters for a re-
15 requested service by accessing said database through one of said plurality of service identifiers; and
 - using said retrieved tuning parameters for tuning said receiver.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said
20 database is compiled by a remote terminal, and the step of retrieving a set of tuning parameters comprises accessing said database through a data network, preferably the Internet.
3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the
25 step of retrieving a set of tuning parameters comprises the step of selecting a service identifier by means of a web browser.
4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of compiling said database comprises the

additional step of downloading said database as a file to said receiver, preferably as an HTML file.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein

- said database comprises at least two identical service identifiers, and
- wherein the step of retrieving a set of tuning parameters comprises the additional step of selecting one of said at least two identical service identifiers in dependence on to which network said receiver is currently tuned.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein

- said database comprises at least two identical service identifiers, and
- wherein the step of retrieving a set of tuning parameters comprises the additional step of selecting the most recently used of said at least two identical service identifiers.

7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of using said retrieved tuning parameters comprises the step of transferring said tuning parameters from said database directly to said receiver.

8. The method according to claim 1, wherein said database is compiled in a Set Top Box.

9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of compiling said database comprises a channel search.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein said service identifiers relate to a Digital Video Broadcasting system.

11. The method according to claim 1, wherein said
5 set of tuning parameters comprises any of the following items: frequency, forward error correction, symbol rate, and packet identifier.

12. A communication network comprising:

- at least one service provider system;
- 10 - at least one subscriber terminal arranged to receive and process information from said at least one service provider system;
- a database comprising the following information items:
 - 15 - a plurality of service identifiers identifying services provided by said at least one service provider system; and
 - a plurality of sets of tuning parameters, each of which sets is associated with a respective one of
20 said plurality of service identifiers;
- wherein said subscriber terminal is arranged to be tuned to a requested service by accessing said database through said service identifier of said requested service and retrieving tuning parameters
25 associated with said requested service.

13. The network according to claim 12, wherein said database is provided at a terminal different from

said at least one subscriber terminal, and said at least one subscriber terminal is arranged to access said database through a data network, preferably the Internet.

- 5 14. The network according to claim 12, wherein said at least subscriber terminal is arranged to access said database by means of a web browser.

15. The network according to claim 12, wherein said database is arranged to be downloaded to said at
10 least one subscriber terminal as a data file, preferably as an HTML file.

16. The network according to claim 12, wherein
- said database comprises at least two identical service identifiers, and
 - 15 - wherein said subscriber terminal is arranged to select one of said at least two identical service identifiers in dependence on to which network said receiver is currently tuned.

17. The network according to claim 12, wherein
- 20 - said database comprises at least two identical service identifiers, and
 - wherein said subscriber terminal is arranged to select the most recently used of said at least two identical service identifiers.

- 25 18. The network according to claim 12, wherein said subscriber terminal comprises a Set Top Box.

19. The network according to claim 12, wherein the step of compiling said database comprises a channel search.

20. The network according to claim 12, wherein
5 said service identifiers relate to a Digital Video Broadcasting system.

21. The network according to claim 12, wherein said set of tuning parameters comprises any of the following items: frequency, forward error correction,
10 symbol rate, and packet identifier.

22. A subscriber terminal in a communication network, wherein said terminal is arranged to store a database comprising the following information items:

- 15 - a plurality of service identifiers identifying services provided by a service provider systems; and
- a plurality of sets of tuning parameters, each of which sets is associated with a respective one of said plurality of service identifiers;

20 - wherein said subscriber terminal is arranged to be tuned to a requested service by accessing said database through said service identifier of said requested service and retrieving tuning parameters associated with said requested service.

25 23. A terminal according to claim 22, wherein said database is provided at a terminal different from said at least one subscriber terminal, and said at least one

subscriber terminal is arranged to access said database through a data network, preferably the Internet.

24. A terminal according to claim 22, wherein said at least subscriber terminal is arranged to access said
5 database by means of a web browser.

25. A terminal according to claim 22, wherein said database is arranged to be downloaded to said at least one subscriber terminal as a data file, preferably as an HTML file.

10 26. A terminal according to claim 22, wherein

- said database comprises at least two identical service identifiers, and
- wherein said subscriber terminal is arranged to select one of said at least two identical service
15 identifiers in dependence on to which network said receiver is currently tuned.

27. A terminal according to claim 22, wherein

- said database comprises at least two identical service identifiers, and
- 20 - wherein said subscriber terminal is arranged to select the most recently used of said at least two identical service identifiers.

28. A terminal according to claim 22, wherein said subscriber terminal comprises a Set Top Box.

25 29. A terminal according to claim 22, wherein the step of compiling said database comprises a channel search.

30. A terminal according to claim 22, wherein said service identifiers relate to a Digital Video Broadcasting system.

31. The terminal according to claim 22, wherein
5 said set of tuning parameters comprises any of the following items: frequency, forward error correction, symbol rate, and packet identifier.

32. A computer program product directly loadable
10 into the internal memory of a digital computer connected to a communication network, to which network providers of digital services are connected, said computer program product comprising software code portions for performing the following steps:

- 15 - compiling a database comprising the following information items:
 - a plurality of service identifiers identifying provided services; and
 - a plurality of sets of tuning parameters, each of which sets is associated with a respective one of
20 said plurality of service identifiers;
- retrieving a set of tuning parameters for a requested service by accessing said database through one of said plurality of service identifiers; and
- 25 - using said retrieved tuning parameters for tuning said receiver.